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Uncle Sam is out to crack Rewald's secret—his boss

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The government has gone over U.S. Magistrate Bert S. Tokairin's head in an effort to find out who is paying Ronald Rewald \$1,000 a week and why.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Katz, in an appeal filed Monday, said Tokairin was wrong to agree to keep the employer's identity secret. Rewald says he was hired to open California offices for a Hawaii-based company, but only on condition he not disclose the company name.

Katz insisted that since the prosecution caught Rewald in previous untruthful statements, it should be allowed to check out his latest claims.

Rewald is facing trial Aug. 5 on 100 counts of perjury, tax evasion and fraud.

Tokairin yielded a little yesterday, saying the prosecution and the public are entitled to know about loans or gifts Re-

wald has received.

But Tokairin stuck to his position that neither the government nor the public will be told who Rewald's new employer is.

The government refused a compromise in which Tokairin offered to share the name so long as the government keeps it secret and seeks permission of the court before trying to contact the employer.

Katz said the conditions are neither appropriate nor necessary, and that Tokairin could still deny permission to contact the employer.

The issue of what money Rewald gets and from where is important because his attorney is being paid for by the taxpayers. The law requires that any defendant be able to get an adequate defense in criminal cases, and provides that the public will pay for that defense if the defendant cannot afford it.

Rewald's lawyer, federal public defender Michael Levine,

has estimated Rewald's defense will cost more than \$200,000.

Rewald has contributed about \$4,000 so far toward the cost of his defense.

The prosecution is questioning whether Rewald has revealed all his income or paid the 25 percent of his income which the court required him to contribute.

In demanding disclosure of the identity of Rewald's new employer, Katz said in a brief filed this week that Tokairin had accepted as fact Rewald's unsupported statement that he would lose his job if the employer were identified.

Katz said Tokairin's position was "disturbing" because the magistrate had been willing to accept earlier questionable claims by Rewald about his income.

Katz also said Tokairin had apparently accepted Rewald's unsupported claim that the FBI had harassed his former employer, Ronald Kauffman.